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1. WE PROPOSE FOLLOWING TEXT OF LETTER TO NOTE BBC
MONITORING SERVICE'S ANNIVERSARY:

ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BBC MONITORING SERVICE,
I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO MR.
JOHN RAE AND HIS COLLEAGUES THIS GOVERNMENT'S SINCERE
APPRECIATION FOR THE VITAL INFORMATION SERVICES WHICH THE
BBC MONITORING SERVICE HAS PROVIDED US THROUGHOUT THESE
YEARS. 4

UNDER DIFFICULT WARTIME CONDITIONS, THE BBC MONITORING
SERVICE PIONEERED THE MONITORING OF FOREIGN BROADCASTS
AND MADE AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIED EFFORT.
SINCE THEN, IT HAS DEVELOPED AN ENVIABLE STANDARD OF
PROFESSIONALISM IN ITS FIELD. FOR SOME 37 YEARS, THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HAVE BENEFITTED

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GREATLY FROM ITS WORK THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF MONITORED
INFORMATION WITH OUR FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION
SERVICE, AN ASSOCIATION WHICH HAS ALSO SERVED TO STRENGTHEN
THE UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. 4

ON BEHALF OF MY GRATEFUL ASSOCIATES IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, I
SEND TO MR. RAE AND THE BBC MONITORING SERVICE OUR BEST
WISHES FOR THE FUTURE. 4

2. WE PROPOSE TO ADDRESS LETTER TO FOREIGN SECRETARY LORD
CARRINGTON, AND TO SUBMIT IT FOR SIGNATURE TO SECSTATE THROUGH
DCI. ONCE IT HAS BEEN SIGNED WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN XEROX
COPY FOR DIRECT POUCHING. 4

3. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CONCURRENCE/COMMENT. RVW 7JUN85

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